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### **In the Specification**

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please insert the following on page 1, after the title:

### **RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB03/003205, filed July 25, 2003, which is an international application of and claims priority to United Kingdom Application No. GB 0217273.2, filed July 25, 2002.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

#### **1. Field of Invention**

Please insert the following on page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 7:

#### **2. Discussion of Related Art**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 with the following amended paragraphs:

In some applications optical fibres may only be intended for single use and should be disposed of thereafterwards for health and safety reasons. EP 0473987 discloses a method and apparatus for optoelectrical recognition of disposable medical applicators connected to a laser.

### **SUMMARY OF INVENTION**

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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

Please insert the following on page 8, before the paragraph beginning on line 6:

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Please insert the following on page 14, after the paragraph ending on line 28:

What is claimed is: